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Idaho Red Meat Production Down 6 Percent

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for August 2005 totaled 28.4 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year. August production was up 2 percent from July's 27.7 million pounds. Accumulated red meat production for the January-August 2005 period totaled 222 million pounds, down 25 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.10 billion pounds in August, up 6 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in August 2004. Beef production, at 2.32 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.99 million head, up 6 percent from August 2004. The average live weight was up 15 pounds from the previous year, at 1,267 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.7 million pounds, 2 percent below August a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 65,600 head, down 10 percent from August 2004. The average live weight was 25 pounds above last year, at 347 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.75 billion pounds, up 3 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.98 million head, 3 percent above August 2004. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 263 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 15.4 million pounds, was up 1 percent from August 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 229,300 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, up 4 pounds from August a year ago. January to August 2005 commercial red meat production was 30.0 billion pounds, up slightly from 2004. Accumulated beef production was down slightly from last year, veal was down 8 percent, pork was up 1 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States 1/

State	August 2004	July 2005	August 2005	August 2005 As Percent of 2/	
				August 2004	July 2005
California	122.0	115.2	128.1	105	111
Colorado	176.1	158.5	167.3	95	106
Idaho	30.2	27.7	28.4	94	102
Illinois	228.5	202.2	228.0	100	113
Iowa	549.0	474.6	546.9	100	115
Kansas	500.5	510.0	546.0	109	107
Minnesota	190.1	173.6	191.9	101	111
Montana	1.7	1.5	1.7	99	117
Nebraska	592.3	578.3	654.5	111	113
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	110	95
Oklahoma	84.6	79.8	92.1	109	115
Oregon	3.9	3.4	4.2	107	125
South Dakota	83.9	72.8	83.0	99	114
Texas	406.0	392.8	456.9	113	116
Utah	36.0	35.8	42.8	119	120
Washington	39.3	45.7	56.8	145	124
Wyoming	1.0	0.6	1.0	97	174
UNITED STATES	3,879.6	3,615.9	4,098.7	106	113

1/Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

2004 Idaho Potato Crop Valued at \$561 Million

The final value of Idaho's 2004 potato crop was \$561 million, \$18.9 million above 2003's value of \$542 million. The market year average price received by growers, of \$4.25 per cwt, was below the 2003 level of \$4.40 per cwt.

Idaho's growers sold 120 million cwt from their 2004 crop while using 1.25 million cwt on the farm for seed, feed and household consumption. The remaining 10.9 million cwt was lost to shrinkage, decay and dumping. Fresh market sales accounted for 34.1 million cwt of the 2004 crop, up 4 percent from the 2003

crop, while processing accounted for 75.7 million cwt, compared to 70.1 million cwt in 2003.

Processors in Idaho and Malheur County, Oregon used a total of 84.6 million cwt of 2004 crop potatoes compared to 77.5 million cwt used in 2003. Of the total processed, 75.7 million cwt were Idaho potatoes. Processing in Idaho and Malheur County accounted for 57.4 percent of Idaho's production compared to 56.9 percent of the 2003 crop.

Idaho Milk Production up 13.4 Percent

Idaho milk production during August 2005 totaled 904 million pounds, a 13.4 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 2 million pounds from July 2005. Revised production for July 2005 totaled 902 million pounds, up 2 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 13.6 percent above July 2004. Average milk production per cow in August 2005 was 1,940 pounds, a 90 pound increase from August 2004, but 20 pounds less than July 2005. The average number of milk cows during August was 466,000 head, up 6,000 head from July 2005 and up 35,000 head from August 2004.

Milk production in the 23 major States during August totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 4.6 percent from August 2004. July revised production, at 13.7 billion pounds, was up 4.2 percent from July 2004. The July revision represented a decrease of 6 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,665 pounds for August, 64 pounds above August 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.15 million head, 52,000 head more than August 2004, and 9,000 head more than July 2005.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, August 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		2005 As a Percent of 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
Arizona	163	161	1,710	1,780	279	287	2.9
California	1,733	1,763	1,775	1,790	3,076	3,156	2.6
Colorado	103	105	1,835	1,970	189	207	9.5
Florida	138	135	1,225	1,240	169	167	-1.2
IDAHO	431	466	1,850	1,940	797	904	13.4
Illinois	107	104	1,490	1,515	159	158	-0.6
Indiana	149	156	1,620	1,660	241	259	7.5
Iowa	192	186	1,640	1,680	315	312	-1.0
Kansas	115	112	1,600	1,690	184	189	2.7
Kentucky	110	106	1,045	1,030	115	109	-5.2
Michigan	303	313	1,755	1,815	532	568	6.8
Minnesota	465	455	1,440	1,505	670	685	2.2
Missouri	121	115	1,210	1,170	146	135	-7.5
New Mexico	327	331	1,740	1,825	569	604	6.2
New York	654	647	1,500	1,600	981	1035	5.5
Ohio	266	270	1,430	1,460	380	394	3.7
Oregon	120	121	1,615	1,590	194	192	-1.0
Pennsylvania	560	562	1,475	1,575	826	885	7.1
Texas	320	320	1,465	1,625	469	520	10.9
Vermont	145	143	1,495	1,550	217	222	2.3
Virginia	104	105	1,335	1,370	139	144	3.6
Washington	236	242	1,910	1,990	451	482	6.9
Wisconsin	1,240	1,236	1,510	1,585	1872	1,959	4.6
23 STATE TOTAL	8,102	8,154	1,601	1,665	12,970	13,573	4.6

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Idaho Cattle On Feed Up 2 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on September 1, 2005 totaled 250,000 head, up 2 percent from the September 1, 2004 inventory. The inventory was the same as the number on hand August 1, 2005. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during August totaled 51,000 head, down 7,000 head from August 2004 placements. Marketings during August totaled 50,000 head, up 3,000 from August 2004 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.0 million head on September 1, 2005. The inventory was

slightly above September 1, 2004 and 2 percent above September 1, 2003. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 1.99 million, 5 percent below 2004 and 16 percent below 2003. This is the lowest placements for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Net placements were 1.94 million. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 418,000, 600-699 pounds were 385,000, 700-799 pounds were 540,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 650,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 2.03 million, 6 percent above 2004 but 2 percent below 2003. Other disappearance totaled 53,000 during August, 5 percent below 2004 and 12 percent below 2003.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots^{1/}

State	Sept. 1, 2004	August 1, 2005	September 1, 2005		
			Number	As % of 2004	As % of August
	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
Arizona	296	313	314	106	100
California	520	530	530	102	100
Colorado	930	820	770	83	94
Idaho	245	250	250	102	100
Iowa	375	400	395	105	99
Kansas	2,130	2,190	2,210	104	101
Nebraska	1,800	1,730	1,770	98	102
New Mexico	129	134	135	105	101
Oklahoma	325	320	320	98	100
South Dakota	138	143	132	96	92
Texas	2,670	2,890	2,800	105	97
Washington	175	137	139	79	101
Other States	255	235	235	92	100
United States	9,988	10,092	10,000	100	99

^{1/}Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

Frozen Potato Stocks

Frozen stocks of french fries in the United States on August 31, 2005 totaled 894 million pounds, a 1 percent decrease from July 31, 2005, but up 2 percent above August 31, 2004. Other frozen potatoes, at 229 million pounds, decreased 8 percent from both the previous month stocks and from last year.

United States stocks of butter on August 31, 2005 totaled 150 million pounds, down 15 percent from the end of the previous month, and down 7 percent from August 31, 2004. Of this 150 million pounds, the government owned 55,000 pounds. Stocks of American cheese totaled 565 million pounds, down 5 percent from July 31, 2005, and 1 percent below August 31, 2004. The government owned 716,000 pounds of the American cheese stocks.

Commodity	Aug 31, 2004	Jul 31, 2005	Aug 31, 2005	2005 2004
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>
POTATOES:				
French Fries	877,320	901,765	894,056	102
Other Frozen	249,711	249,632	228,659	92
TOTAL	1,127,031	1,151,397	1,122,715	100
DAIRY:				
Butter	161,025	176,670	150,259	93
(Gov't Owned)	35	113	55	157
Natural Cheese				
American, Total	568,783	594,508	565,163	99
(Gov't Owned)	7,076	546	716	10

September 1 Hop Stocks Down 8 Percent

The inventory of hops held by growers, dealers, and brewers on September 1, 2005 totaled 60.0 million pounds, 8 percent less than the revised September 1, 2004 stocks of 65.0 million pounds and 13 percent below September 1, 2003. March 1, 2005 holdings were also revised upwards to 76.0 million pounds.

Stocks held by brewers, at 33.0 million pounds, were down 1.00 million pounds from the revised September 1, 2004 estimate and 2.00 million pounds below September 1, 2003. Stocks held by growers and dealers on September 1, 2005 were 27.0 million pounds, 13 percent less than the stocks on hand last year and 21 percent under two years ago.

